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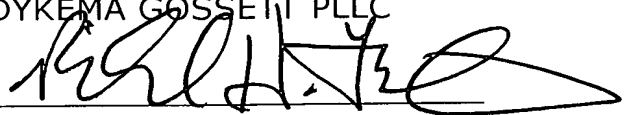
By this Amendment claim 26 has been amended to include the feature of claim 27 (now canceled), claims 28-49 have been amended with respect to their introductory wording, and new claims 50-75 have been added. In this latter regard, claim 50 combines the features of previous claims 26 and 30 (claim 30 was specifically indicated by the examiner to define allowable subject matter). Dependent claims 51 to 57 correspond to claims 27 to 29, 31 and 34 to 36, respectively. Claim 58 combines the features of previous claims 26 and 32 (claim 32 was indicated by the examiner to define allowable subject matter). Dependent claims 59 to 66 correspond to previous dependent claims 27 to 29 and 33 to 36. Claim 66 combines the features of previous claims 26 and 40 (claim 40 was indicated by the examiner to define allowable subject matter). Dependent claims 67 to 75 correspond to claims 41 to 49.

Since each of the presented independent claims now contains allowable subject matter, an allowance of this application is in order.

Respectfully submitted,

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